

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael Gauselmann  
Assignee: Atronic International GmbH  
Title: Gaming Machine Displaying Combinations of Symbols Including Special Symbols  
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Examiner: Dat T. Nguyen Group Art Unit: 3714  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

This responds to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006.

It is respectfully submitted that the previous claims were interpreted too broadly by the examiner so as to be inconsistent with the description of the invention in the specification and the response to the previous office action. It is believed that the language of the previous claims overcame the previous rejections, given the most reasonable interpretation of the claim language. The present examiner is the second examiner in this case, with a new interpretation of the claims that is different from the first examiner's interpretation. In any event, Applicant is simply clarifying language in the present response in view of the examiner's explanation of how the examiner was interpreting the claims. No new issues are raised. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered. Applicant had already filed an RCE in this case.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

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